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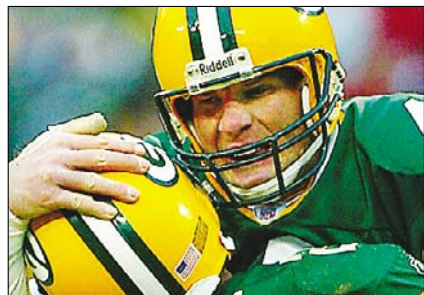
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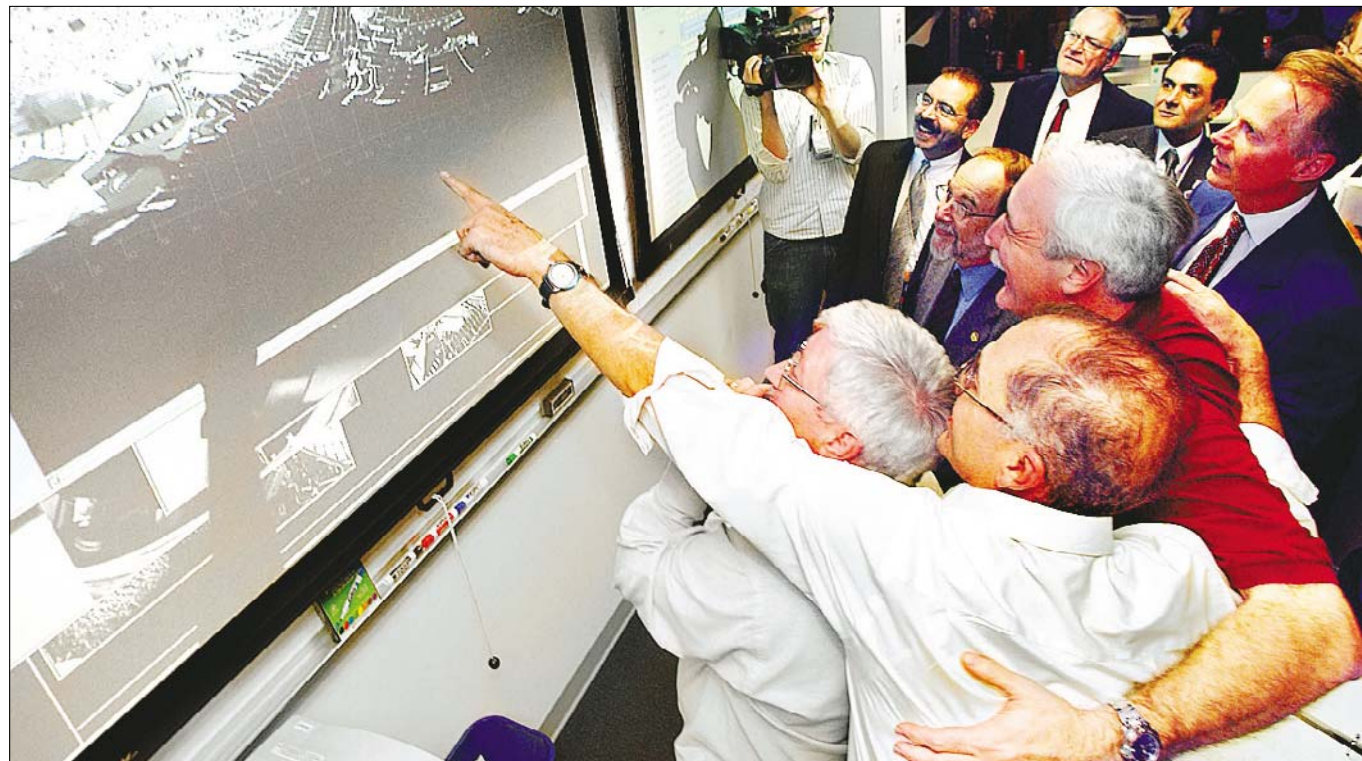
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HIGH SPIRITS: A moment of celebration at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., as scientists view the first images from Mars following the apparently flawless landing of the rover "Spirit" late Saturday night. ♦ **Picture perfect:** "Fantastic" images of Mars thrill scientists | Page 3

New 'Bin Laden' Tape

Purported voice of al Qaeda leader renews call for 'jihad'

CAIRO, EGYPT | The Al-Jazeera satellite channel broadcast an audiotape Sunday purportedly from al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden, in which he urged Muslims to continue fighting a holy war in Iraq and the Middle East rather than cooperate with peace efforts.

The speaker, who referred to recent events including the December capture of former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, called on Muslims to "continue the jihad to check the conspiracies that are hatched against the Islamic nation." He said the U.S.-led war against Iraq was the beginning of the "occu-

pation" of Gulf states for their oil.

"My message is to incite you against the conspiracies, especially those uncovered by the occupation of the crusaders in Baghdad under the pretext of weapons of mass destruction, and also the situation in [Jerusalem]," the speaker said.

The tape's authenticity could not immediately be verified, although the voice resembled that of bin Laden. Al-Jazeera last broadcast an audiotape purportedly from bin Laden in October. CIA analysts concluded that tape probably was authentic. MAAMOUN YOUSSEF (AP)

♦ **Flight delay:** New calls for added security as British flight to Dulles is postponed again | Page 3

Song-Swapping Stalls Amid Lawsuit Barrage

NEW YORK | The recording industry's legal onslaught against Internet song-swappers appears to be having its desired effect. The percentage of Americans who download music online has been sliced in half, according to a report released Sunday.

The study attributed the plunge to the Recording Industry Association of America's strategy of suing individual song-swappers. The RIAA has sued nearly 400 people for copyright violations since September. (AP)



BY THE NUMBERS: Fourteen percent of Internet users surveyed said they sometimes download songs to their computers, down from 29% in May, according to the Pew Internet & American Life Project. (AP)

HEALTH | Big Wheels Check your shocks, Detroit: The Motor City is the fattest of 25 metropolitan areas compared by Men's Fitness magazine in its February issue, due out this month. The scales tipped Detroit's way because of a jump in television viewing, a worsening commute time and

a scarcity of gyms, the magazine said. Men's Fitness uses 14 categories to determine the fattest cities, including the number of health clubs and sporting goods stores, climate, availability of health care and the number of fast food and doughnut shops per capita. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

EyeOpeners



RACHEL E. BAYNE/THE BELLINGHAM HERALD/AP

EDUCATION Impolite Society

It burps, sneezes, passes gas and just downright stinks. It's all in the name of learning, though even staffers at the Discovery Museum and Planetarium in Bridgeport, Conn., have trouble keeping a straight face while discussing "Grossology: The (Impolite) Science of the Human Body." After all, the exhibit's highlights include a climbing wall modeled on human skin, complete with oozing pimples. "I don't think my teachers would teach me this," Tanner Gibson, 8, said of the exhibit. (AP)

ANIMAL WATCH Saved by His Stature

If cats have nine lives, then this dog has at least three. A wee dachshund from Rosemount, Minn., earned the nickname Railroad Joe recently, after running away from owners Tom and Cindy Caruth. The stubby-legged dog took up life on the tracks and made a legend of himself by getting run over by freight trains at least three times in five days — twice by the same conductor. The steel wheels nipped one of his floppy ears and sliced off part of his tail. But each time he ducked low enough between



the rails for the trains to clear him. He's been returned to his owners and their young daughter (above). (AP)

DRUG WAR Demolition, Man

Residents who openly bought and sold hashish at a famous hippie enclave in Copenhagen abruptly demolished their booths on Sunday, trying to head off a government crackdown on illegal drug sales. Residents in the enclave, called Christiania, believe the Danish government plans to evict them and redevelop the 84-acre area for upscale housing. (AP)



FINN FRANDSEN/POLETO/AP

CRIME Stealing a Glance

Police on Friday charged Melissa Jane Wink, 36, of Owensboro, Ky, with stealing 50 antique glass eyes from a hospital display case on Christmas Eve. Police Detective Ed Krahwinkel said that since there isn't high demand for the eyes on the black market, Wink likely had trouble unloading them. "Honestly, I don't think she knew what to do with them," he said. (AP)

SILLINESS

Northern Exposure

About 270 New Year's Day revelers braved chilly temperatures and a bit of snow to plunge into Birch Bay south of Blaine, Wash. It was the community's 20th annual Polar Bear Swim — one of many similar gatherings around the world in which people dip into water when it's very, very cold. In this case, the air temperature was in the mid-30s. Participant Marlys Bedlington, who won the funniest costume award at the event for her "mad cow" outfit, told the Bellingham Herald the event is "the best way to start a new year." (EXPRESS)

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In Brief

ALBANY, N.Y.

Body of Last Missing Sailor Found Inside Capsized Ship

The body of the final missing crew member of a cargo ship that capsized in port was found pinned inside the ship's hold Sunday as the vessel was being drained. Divers found the body of Victor Alexeev, 46, of Russia, as salvage crews were draining water from the 289-foot Stellamare, police said. The Dutch cargo ship overturned Dec. 9 in the Port of Albany while being loaded with a 308-ton turbine. Three Russian sailors aboard died, and 15 were rescued. (AP)

NEW YORK

City's Bank Robbery Rate Rose 64 Percent in 2003

The city's 400th bank robbery of 2003 required no safecracking. No hostage-taking. Not even a drawn gun. The robber simply walked into an HSBC branch in Manhattan on Tuesday, produced a threatening note demanding money and left with an undisclosed amount of cash. A total of 408 robberies were reported by New Year's Eve, up 64 percent from 249 in 2002. (AP)

CAMDEN, N.J.

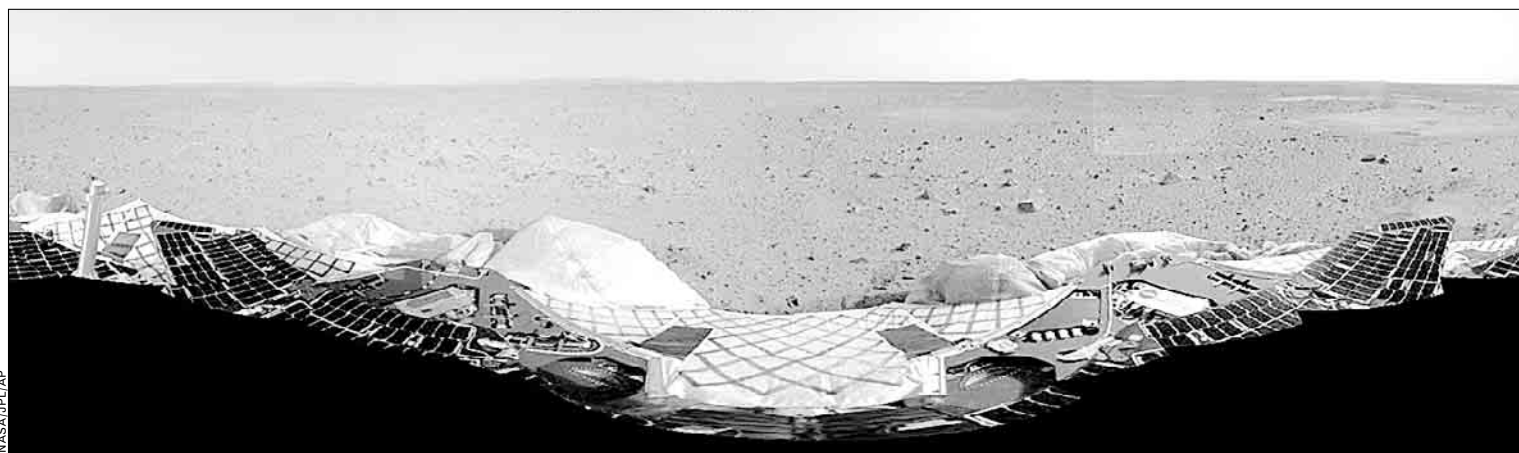
Convicted Bank Robber Admits Threat to Sen. Clinton

A convicted bank robber who told a prison psychologist he wanted to "spice up" his life by shooting a famous person has admitted threatening to kill U.S. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, officials said. Edward Falvey, 51, pleaded guilty in the last week to a charge of threatening to kill an immediate family member of a former president, a federal crime that carries a penalty of up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. (AP)

CHICAGO

Study Finds Injuries From Paintball Games on the Rise

Injuries to adults and children playing paintball have tripled in recent years, including eye damage causing lasting vision loss, a study found. From 1997 to 2000, paintball-related injuries nationwide climbed from 926 to 2,780, with up to a third occurring in children younger than 15, according to the study, which analyzed injury data from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. (AP)



This mosaic image taken by the navigation camera on the Mars Exploration Rover Spirit shows a 360-degree panoramic view of the rover on the surface of Mars.

Rover Beams Back Visions of Mars

NASA begins efforts to explore Red Planet, awaits color photos

PASADENA, CALIF. | Thrilled by the apparently flawless landing of the Spirit rover on Mars, NASA scientists pored over photos and other information, awaited a stream of even more tantalizing data and worked on the days-long process of getting the robot ready to roll.

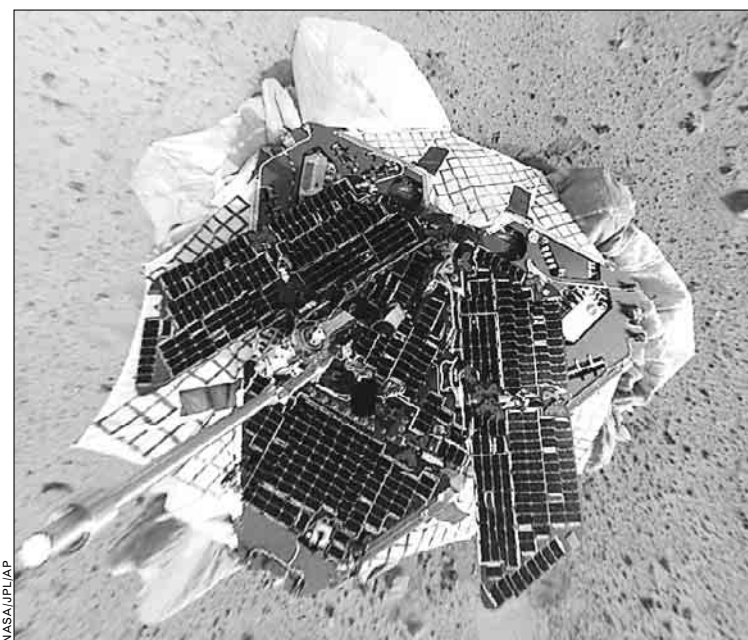
Spirit made a safe landing on Mars late Saturday on what scientists believe is the bed of an ancient lake that once may have harbored life.

Just three hours later, the six-wheeled rover began zipping the first black-and-white images of its

surroundings to Earth, 106 million miles distant at the time.

The first images from Spirit show a flat, wind-scoured plain peppered with small rocks. The scene enthused scientists, eager to send the rover prospecting among the rocks for evidence that the landing site once was covered with water. NASA said Spirit's first color images could be transmitted to Earth late Sunday or early Monday, relayed by a second spacecraft in orbit around the Red Planet.

The \$820 million NASA Mars Exploration Rover project also includes a twin golf cart-sized rover, Opportunity. That robot is set to reach the opposite side of Mars on Jan. 24. ROBERT JABLON (AP)



A navigation camera on the Mars Exploration Rover Spirit snapped this mosaic picture showing a clear overhead view of the rover on the Red Planet's surface.

● **Mars mission:** Mark Davis, producer of the documentary "MARS Dead or Alive," takes questions on the rover | Today at 11 a.m. at [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://www.washingtonpost.com/liveonline)

Security Causes Another Flight Delay

British Airways plane bound for Dulles grounded for 3 hours

LONDON | A British Airways flight from London to Washington, canceled twice this week because of security fears, was delayed by more than three hours Sunday for U.S.-requested checks. Britain's transport minister said the threat of terrorism meant such delays and cancellations would be part of airline travel for years to come.

Sunday's flight BA223, scheduled to depart at 10:05 a.m. EST, took off from Heathrow Airport just after

1:15 p.m. Armed police stood guard at the departure gate, and the 241 passengers were quizzed by detectives before being allowed to board.

Hundreds of passengers were stranded when British Airways canceled flight 223 from Heathrow to Washington's Dulles airport on Thursday and Friday on government advice. A flight on Saturday was delayed for three hours. Neither the airline nor British officials would provide details of the threat.

In response to U.S. security demands, the European Union agreed last month to share passenger lists for all U.S.-bound flights with American officials. JILL LAWLESS (AP)

Teen Signs Plea Deal in Beating Death of Child

MIAMI | Lionel Tate, whose life sentence for beating a 6-year-old playmate to death was thrown out, signed documents Sunday pleading guilty to second-degree murder in a deal that could get him out of prison as early as this month.

The sixteen-year-old Tate signed the papers at a maximum security juvenile prison in Okeechobee, where he is being held for the 1999 death of Tiffany Eunick. Tate was 12 when he punched, kicked and stomped the 48-pound girl to death. (AP)



Lauren Richardson of New York, right, raises her arms in celebration as she arrives at Dulles airport on Saturday after a three-hour security delay.

Be Part of History as D.C. Elections Move into the Digital Age

The D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics is Seeking Individuals with Computer Experience for the Presidential Preference Primary on January 13, 2004

On January 13, the D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics (BOEE) is introducing an electronic touch screen voting system that for the first time will allow voters with disabilities to vote privately and independently. The BOEE is now seeking individuals with computer experience to operate the new voting system on Election Day.

Volunteers will be paid a \$100 stipend for the day and receive two hours of "precinct technician" training. Training sessions begin Tuesday, January 6, 2004. For more information, contact the BOEE at 202-727-2511.



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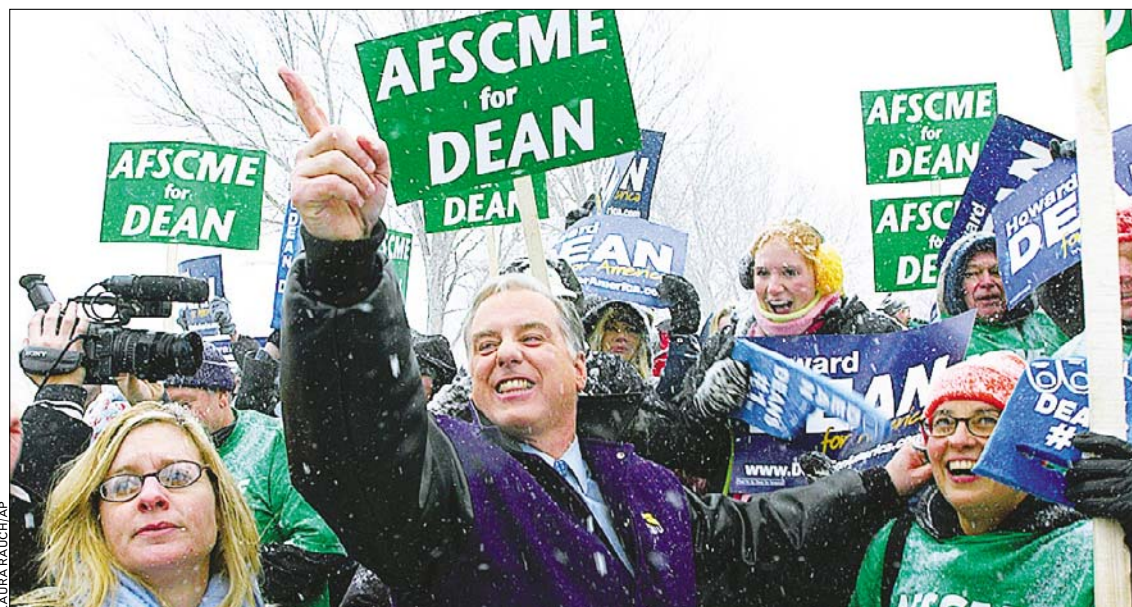
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Nation



Democratic presidential hopeful Howard Dean of Vermont greets supporters outside of the studios of Iowa Public Television in Johnston, Iowa, on Sunday before the start of a televised debate with his fellow Democratic White House contenders.

Dean Remains Top Target

Democrats keep sights on party's front-runner in first debate of 2004

JOHNSTON, IOWA | In a feisty, first debate of the election year, Howard Dean drew fire from fellow Democrats on Sunday over trade, terror, taxes and more, then calmly dismissed his rivals as "co-opted by the agenda of George Bush."

"I opposed the Iraq war when everyone else up here was for it," said the former Vermont governor, invoking the issue that helped fuel

his 2003 transformation from asterisk in the polls to front-runner.

Dean's all-purpose rebuttal came midway through a debate 15 days before the Iowa caucuses, the first contest for national convention delegates who will select a Democratic challenger to President Bush.

Seven of the nine Democratic hopefuls participated in the debate. Wesley Clark skipped it to campaign in New Hampshire, which holds the nation's first primary Jan. 27. Al Sharpton was in South Carolina preparing for that state's Feb. 3 primary. **NEDRA PICKLER (AP)**

CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

January kicks off the primary season. Some of the contests in the next few weeks include:

- **Jan. 13:** D.C. primary (non-binding)
- **Jan. 19:** Iowa caucus
- **Jan. 27:** New Hampshire primary
- **Feb. 3:** Primaries in Arizona, Delaware, Missouri, Oklahoma and South Carolina. Caucuses in New Mexico and North Dakota.
- **Feb. 7:** Washington, Michigan caucuses

WINTER | ON THE RUN



A HEALTHY ROUTINE: Karen Jensen of Solon, Iowa, jogs through the snow with her dog, Henry, on Sunday. "We jog four miles every day," she said, "no matter what the weather's like."

Bush Has a Full Plate As Election Year Begins

WASHINGTON | Still energized by the capture of Saddam Hussein and signs of an economic rebound, President Bush begins the 10-month countdown to Election Day with the nation under a high terror alert and his job performance under criticism from Democrats who want to sit in the Oval Office.

Although the nation has lost 2.8 million jobs since Bush took office, Bush is getting good marks on the economy as consumer confidence has risen to its highest levels since early 2002.

Bush's overall job approval

rating hovers around 60 percent. Analysts agree his biggest political challenges are sustaining job growth, turning Iraq over to the Iraqis and gaining ground on terrorists around the globe.

Iraq is the biggest of Bush's foreign policy challenges. While the administration seeks to halt the U.S. death toll, which exceeds 400, Bush must help decide the forum for former President Saddam Hussein's war crimes trial and persuade other nations to erase massive Iraqi debt incurred by the ousted regime.

DEB RIECHMANN (AP)

In Brief

EUROPE
Scientists in Final Attempts To Hail Missing Mars Probe

As U.S. scientists were celebrating the arrival of NASA's Spirit rover probe safely on Mars, scientists at the European Space Agency made preparations for what could be the final attempts to make contact with their Mars probe. The Beagle 2 has not been heard from since it was to have set down on Mars on Christmas Day. Scientists said Sunday they will use Beagle 2's mothership, the Mars Express, in further attempts to make contact with the probe. (AP)

SOUTH KOREA
Officials at IBM Indicted On Corruption Charges

Prosecutors indicted 48 government and IBM company officials Sunday on corruption charges linked to a South Korean affiliate of the U.S. computer giant, a media report said. Yonhap news agency said prosecutors alleged that IBM's South Korean branch, IBM Korea, and its local affiliates used bribes to win some \$55 million worth of procurement contracts from government agencies. (AP)

COLOMBIA
Defense Chief Says U.S. Aided in Arrest of Top Rebel

Colombian Defense Minister Jorge Alberto Uribe said the United States played a part in the capture of Simon Trinidad, a senior leader of Colombia's main rebel group who was arrested in Ecuador last Friday. A spokesman for the U.S. Embassy in Bogota declined to comment. (AP)

Blair Defends War in Surprise Visit to Troops

British leader says occupation of Iraq is now at critical stage

BASRA, IRAQ | British Prime Minister Tony Blair made a surprise visit to Iraq on Sunday, declaring the occupation is at a critical stage with just six months to restore order ahead of the return to self-rule.

Blair, a staunch ally of the United States whose popularity plummeted at home amid allegations his government overstated the threat posed by Saddam Hussein, defended the Iraq invasion.

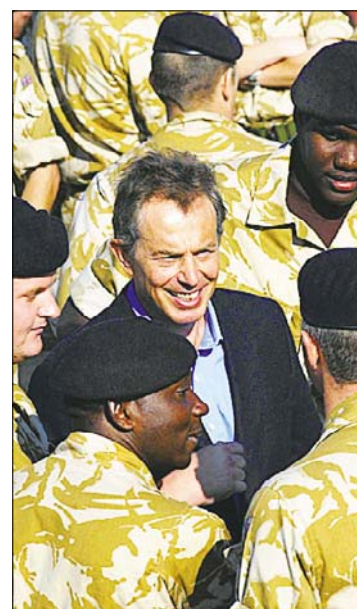
"This conflict here was a conflict of enormous importance because Iraq was a test case," he said in

a speech to some of the 10,000 British troops stationed in and around Basra, 340 miles south-east of Baghdad. "If we backed away from that, we would never be able to confront this threat in the other countries where it exists."

Blair said security in Iraq would be monitored closely as the coalition prepares to transfer authority to a transitional government by July 1.

Blair's trip follows President Bush's surprise Thanksgiving Day visit to Baghdad and a visit by Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar on Dec. 20.

In other Iraq developments, an American soldier was shot and wounded during a foot patrol in the city of Tikrit on Sunday,



Blair greets British troops in Basra during a surprise visit on Sunday.

said a military spokesperson. He was reported in stable condition.

ED JOHNSON (AP)

At Least 8 Dead After Bombing at Gym in Philippines

COTABATO, PHILIPPINES | A bomb explosion Sunday at a packed basketball game in the southern Philippines killed at least eight people and wounded more than 40 others, including the town mayor, who authorities said was the likely target of the attack.

A police officer said Mayor Vivencio Bataga, who had already survived three attempts on his life, was outside the gym when the blast occurred. Witnesses said the spectators were mostly teenagers. (AP)

IRAN | SURVIVAL

ALIVE: An earthquake survivor peers through the door of his tent in Bam on Sunday. A 6.6-magnitude quake on Dec. 26 injured thousands and killed about 35,000 people. The painting is of Ali, the first Imam of Shiites.

Afghans Get New Charter

After weeks of bruising debate, delegates pass historic constitution

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | After three weeks of rancorous debate, Afghans approved an historic new constitution on Sunday, embracing it as a chance to push ahead with reconstruction two years after the fall of the Taliban.

The charter installed a presidential system that the country's U.S.-backed interim leader Hamid Karzai says is critical to holding together a country savaged by more than two decades of war.

Rivals of Karzai, mainly from the Northern Alliance faction that helped U.S. forces drive out the Taliban, strengthened parliament with amendments giving it veto power over key policies.

But with no provision for a prime minister or strong regional councils, the wide-ranging powers sought by Karzai appeared to have survived mainly intact. The charter makes the president commander in chief of the armed forces and charges him with determining the nation's fundamental policies. STEPHEN GRAHAM (AP)

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World

Airline's Record Studied

Carrier in Red Sea crash had been cited for security violations

SHARM EL-SHEIK, EGYPT | Questions were raised Sunday about a charter airline's safety standards after one of its planes crashed into the Red Sea, killing 148 people. Swiss authorities said they banned Flash Airlines 14 months ago after it failed an inspection.

"A series of safety shortcomings showed up in a plane of Flash Airlines during a routine security check at Zurich Airport in October 2002," said Celestine Perissinotto, a spokeswoman for the Swiss Federal Office for Civil Aviation.

Mohamed Nour, Flash's chairman, confirmed the Swiss had stopped flights but said the airline made the necessary maintenance and was allowed to fly to Switzerland again.

Meanwhile, French Deputy Foreign Minister Renaud Muselier told reporters there was nothing to suggest that terrorism was the cause of Saturday's crash of Flash Airlines Flight FSH604, which had just taken off from Sharm el-Sheik on its way to Paris when it crashed. French Transport Minister Gilles de Robien said indications suggest the plane suffered "simply a loss of power." JOCELYN GECKER (AP)

MIDEAST | FIGHTING FIRE



SEEING RED: An Israeli police officer dodges a fire during clashes with Palestinian protesters in the West Bank village of Budrus on Sunday. The clashes took place as bulldozers cleared ground in Budrus to make way for a section of Israel's disputed 450-mile barrier around the West Bank.

HEARSAY | PREDECESSOR'S PRAISE



"I wish I had his energy ... Misha has a talent for contact with people."

—EDUARD SHEVARNADZE, FORMER PRESIDENT OF GEORGIA COMMENTING ON MIKHAIL "MISHA" SAAKASHVILI AT A POLLING STATION IN TBILISI ON SUNDAY. SAAKASHVILI, THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THE PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATIONS THAT BROUGHT DOWN SHEVARNADZE SIX WEEKS AGO, WENT INTO SUNDAY'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS AS THE OVERWHELMING FAVORITE.

India-Pakistan Meeting Raises Hopes

Countries' leaders hold their first direct talks in two years

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN | Indian and Pakistani leaders held their first direct talks on Sunday since nearly coming to war two years ago, infusing a major South Asian summit with hope that the venom between the uneasy neighbors might give way to rapprochement.

In their nations' most promis-



Vajpayee, left, and Jamali in Islamabad.

ing meeting in years, Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Pakistani Prime Minister

Zafarullah Khan Jamali met for about 30 minutes on the sidelines of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation gathering.

Vajpayee was meeting separately on Monday with President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, officials said.

India and Pakistan nearly went to war two years ago when Islamic militants that India claims were backed by Pakistan attacked the Indian Parliament on Dec. 13, 2001. Pakistan denies the allegations. PAUL HAVEN (AP)

Local

Md. Tuition Hikes Assailed

Legislators propose 4 percent cap on rising costs at universities

COLLEGE PARK, MD. | Alarmed by rapidly growing tuition at Maryland's public universities, several state lawmakers plan legislation during the upcoming General Assembly session that places limits on tuition increases in each year.

Two proposals would tie tuition increases either to the rate of infla-

tion or cap them at 4 percent each year, a drop from the double-digit hikes students have seen recently.

Delegate Herbert McMillan, R-Anne Arundel, said the University System of Maryland, which sets tuition rates at 11 state institutions, historically has relied too heavily on tuition to cover their costs and should instead make budget cuts.

State higher education officials say such caps would seriously hamstring their ability to balance budgets.

Gov. Robert Ehrlich slashed state contributions to the system this year to help cover the state's massive budget shortfall. Instead of \$867 million, the system received just \$800 million for 2003. In response, tuition increased by an average of 18 percent for the current school year. In October, another 9 percent increase for the next academic year was approved.

Critics say other steps could be made, such as trimming the number of highly paid administrators.

STEPHEN MANNING (AP)

DEPLOYMENT | A FAREWELL TO ARMS



DAVID CRIGER/BRISTOL HERALD COURIER/AP

HOLDING ON: U.S. Army Sgt. Earnest Lowe of the 276 Engineer Battalion gets an extended hug from his daughter, Whitney, prior to deploying from the armory in Richlands, Va., on Sunday. Members of the unit were sent to Fort Dix, N.J., where they will await further orders.

Diplomat's Son Arrested for Role In Md. Carjacking

SILVER SPRING, MD. | An 18-year-old son of the head of the Liberian Embassy, arrested on charges including carjacking and robbery, was released from police custody under diplomatic immunity.

Police in suburban Montgomery County arrested Thomas K. Kollie and two other teenagers in connection with a carjacking in Silver Spring.

Police said about 13 males attacked three men in the car Friday night, took their vehicle and drove into two parked cars in a parking lot.

Kollie was released into his father's custody Saturday. A police spokeswoman said the charges against him were not dropped. (AP)

The Lotteries

January 4

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SINCE YOU ASKED

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A The wait between Metro trains during rush hour varies from about two minutes to six minutes, depending on where you are. Lem Proctor, chief operating officer for rail, said one of the main reasons trains move at that pace is the rail's automatic train control technology, which dates back to the 1960s.

The subway system is cut into

blocks and the technology ensures that only one train will be in a block at any time — regardless of speed — to prevent accidents, Proctor said. More modern systems use radio waves to detect train locations and speed to regulate their distance from each other, he said.

Proctor noted some of the world's transit agencies that offer less of a wait also herd riders into trains from the platforms, which he didn't think would play well in Washington. DANNY FREEDMAN (EXPRESS)

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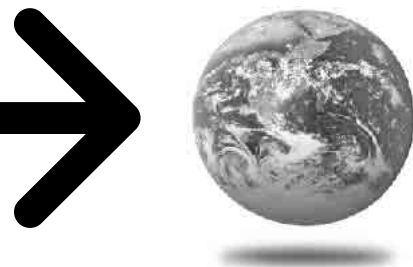
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ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Driver Dies in Fiery Accident

A driver died in a fiery crash Sunday after the vehicle struck a guard rail and plunged off a bridge, police said. The accident happened around 12:45 a.m. at Pole Road and Sacramento Drive in the Engleside section of Fairfax County. The driver apparently lost control of the car, and investigators believe speed was a factor in the

crash, police spokeswoman Mary Ann Jennings said. Jennings said an autopsy was needed to help identify the victim. (AP)

CLOVER, VA.

\$1 Million Grant to Preserve Historic Property Announced

A \$1 million federal grant will help preserve a 1,123-acre tract in Halifax County known as the Cove, which includes two archaeological digs and an 18th-century plantation house. The grant to the Ward Burton Wildlife Foundation comes from

a U.S. Forest Service program. "It's pretty emotional to know that we are this close to making this happen," said NASCAR driver Ward Burton during a recent event to announce the grant. The Southside native, who started the foundation, was joined by Sen. George Allen, R-Va., and Rep. Virgil H. Goode Jr., R-5th. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Federal Money to Help Feed D.C. Residents Goes Unused

Not all of the federal funds budgeted to help feed needy D.C. residents has been

spent — and left-over money must be returned to the government. The Washington Post reports that of the \$5 million earmarked by the Agriculture Department for child and adult food programs in D.C., almost \$2 million went unspent. The money includes programs to provide breakfast and lunch to low-income children.

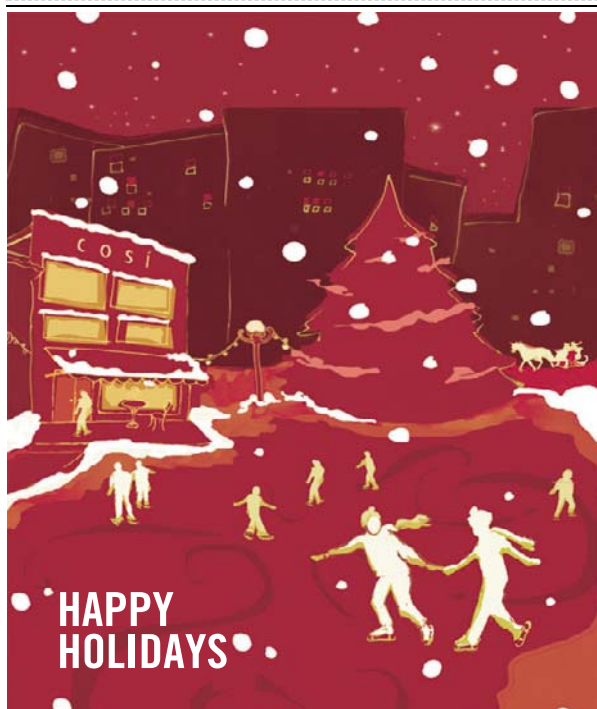
City officials say fewer sponsors, or food distribution sources, are participating in the programs. Critics say that's because the office that administers the programs has done a poor job recruiting sponsors. (AP)

CHANTILLY, VA.

Man Subdued by Police at Dulles Faces Many Charges

A Prince George's County, Md., man who had a run-in Saturday with police at Dulles Airport after leaving his car unattended in front of the terminal faces a host of charges. The charges against Dennis Smith include three felonies of reckless endangerment, assaulting a police officer and refusing to stop for a police vehicle. Police used pepper spray to subdue Smith, whose car was left unattended for about five minutes, a spokesperson said. (AP)

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New Year's Wish

Employees suggest a few resolutions for their co-workers

WORKPLACE | A few days ago, some of us did what we have done for many New Years past: declare a New Year's resolution.

And just days or weeks from now, most of that group will do what we always do so well: fail to keep it. Studies show that only about one-third of the population makes resolutions; only one-third of that group will honor them for any length of time.

That's because the overwhelming majority of resolutions are misguided efforts to improve ourselves. But too lofty is the goal that requires the will for self-improvement. In this season of giving, it's better to share your goals instead of hoard them, and easier to lower your standards while raising them for your colleagues.

So make some resolutions for your office colleagues. After all, their faults are far more apparent to you than they are to themselves. If they don't live up to their end of the bargain, you can feel good about the fact that you did your best to help them grow.

So, with the help of readers of this column, here are some recommended resolutions for colleagues who have been unable or unwilling to pinpoint their own



Resolve to show your office's cleaning staff a little more respect this year.

weaknesses.

There are plenty of off-the-shelf New Year's goals that will make 2004 a happier year for everyone. Hygiene-related resolutions top the list:

A resolution for all staffers: always flush. Guys: aim. Never clip fingernails in the office. Pigeons, shower more. And begin treating the janitorial staff with the respect they deserve, having put up with your garbage far too long.

Kiss-ups, resolve to treat subordinates with the same obsequiousness you treat your superiors.

Paranoid staffers, resolve to real-

ize you are not important enough to be anyone's enemy. Paranoid managers, vow to understand that you should be.

Nervous nellys, misanthropes and cranks, one resolution-friendly word: chill. It's never as bad as you think.

Visiting consultants, can we just drop high-school metaphors and stop yammering about "teams" and "pep talks?" Resolution: graduate already.

Supervisors, recognize that your authority isn't proportional to the number of meetings you schedule. If you must schedule meetings, then resolve to get something done at them rather than talking about getting something done. And if you can't keep that resolution, bring food, magazines and emery boards.

Speaking of food, promise yourself never to leave anything containing mayonnaise in the office refrigerator more than two hours. Throw out the used coffee filters before the grounds mold over.

The technologically lazy, learn to replace the toner yourself, unjam the paper tray once and for all and, when writing e-mail, limit the number of people you "CC," unless you intend to be that passive aggressive.

Also, as one man advises his colleagues, "take that one last cup of water and replace the bottle on the water cooler." JARED SANDBERG (WSJ)



BY THE NUMBERS: A survey conducted by Randstad North America found that 83 percent of employees who rank their bosses as excellent communicators say morale is excellent or good where they work. (AP)

Steal This Job

Tom Buckley, 33

JOB: Director of community services at Community Crisis Services in Hyattsville, Md. The center handles calls from various crisis hotlines.

SALARY RANGE: \$27,000 to \$43,000.

WHAT DO YOU DO? Organize community outreach and train call-takers; answer calls and supervise others at a facility that handles as many as 450 calls a day from nationwide hotlines

for suicide and postpartum depression, calls from the homeless seeking shelter and calls to a statewide crisis hotline. "There are no normal days here."

HOW DID YOU GET YOUR JOB? Took a suicide call in 1995 while working as a police dispatcher and wasn't happy with the way it was handled: "I didn't know what to say, what to do." Came to the center for training on the advice



of a friend who was volunteering there. Became a volunteer and was hired part-time in 2001 and full-time in May 2003.

HOW CAN I GET YOUR JOB? The main requirement is a desire to help others — a background in mental health isn't necessary. A 40-hour training course will teach you how to listen to and connect with callers. Still, the job can be overwhelming and "most of the time we really don't hear what happened after the end of the call." DANNY FREEDMAN (EXPRESS)

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English at Any Cost

South Koreans turn to controversial tongue surgery to give kids an edge

CULTURE | South Korean mothers know few bounds in trying to give their kids a leg up in speaking English. They play them nursery rhymes in the womb, hire pricey tutors for toddlers, send preschoolers to America to pick up the accent.

But now they're even turning to surgery to sort out misplaced L and R sounds, underscoring the dark side of the crushing social pressures involved in getting a highly competitive society in shape for a globalized world.

The surgery involves snipping the thin tissue under the tongue to make it longer and supposedly nimbler, and the government is so dismayed that its National Human Rights Commission has made a movie to scare the public into ceasing the practice.

Called "Tongue-Tied," it shows a young mother, obsessed with her son's pronunciation at the kindergarten's all-English Christmas play, rushing him to the clinic for a quick fix.

The boy screams as the mother and nurses hold him down, the



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT: A woman shows an English-learning picture book to her 4-year-old son at a bookstore in Seoul, where flawless English is highly prized.

mother insisting: "It's all for his future."

"Many viewers close their eyes at the surgery scenes," said director Park Jin-pyo, who used footage from a real operation. "I wanted them to see how our society tramples our children's human rights in the name of their future."

The English craze among preschool children took off four years ago when the government made English classes mandatory from third grade.

Flawless English was once ridiculed as snobbish and even unpatriotic. Now it's a status symbol and prized by business and colleges.

"Many parents have an illusion that good English could change their children's lives," said Song Young-hye, who runs "Wonderland," one of the thousands of English language schools that have mushroomed in South Korea's multibillion English-teaching industry.

The procedure, called a frenulotomy, is used in the West in cases where the tissue under the tongue is abnormal and causes a speech impediment. The operation takes 20 to 30 minutes under local anesthetic. No statistics exist on how many

Korean children undergo go it.

While local media say it is widespread in Seoul's wealthier districts, doctors call the reports exaggerated.

Doctors also scoff at the notion that the Korean tongue is too short or too inflexible for proper English, noting the thousands of Korean-Americans who speak unaccented English without surgery. Experts say practice, not surgery, is the key.

"Doing the surgery on a normal kid just for English pronunciation doesn't make anatomical sense at all," says Park Bom-chung at Seoul's Kangnam Sacred Heart Hospital.

"Many parents have an illusion that good English could change their children's lives."

The government has tried to absorb some of the overheated private English-instruction industry into the public school system, hiring more teachers including native speakers. But there is no sign that the craze is losing steam.

The mania has even introduced new terms into the Korean language itself, like "goose fathers." These are dads who work in South Korea and fly to the United States for seasonal reunions with their kids — who have been transplanted to America just to learn English. SANG-HUN CHOE (AP)

Not-So-Hard Bodies

Health club ads adopt a softer look for a wider audience

HEALTH | Americans are gaining weight, and health clubs don't want to be left out. People in their ads are gaining weight, too.

Clubs are afraid that unless they show less shapely people, the unfit and flabby majority of Americans won't feel at home.

Ads to attract the New Year's resolution crowd — January is to health club memberships what December is to department store sales — are revealing less definition in the models' bodies and more definition in target marketing.

Non-exercisers have gotten the idea that "you have to get fit to join a health club," said Martin Pazzani, chief marketing officer at Bally Total Fitness, the nation's largest health club chain. "The fitness industry has focused on images of youth."

Clubs have done a good job of preaching to the converted. Partly because club executives were fit, ads "reflected themselves and their current members," Pazzani said.

But this approach leaves clubs hitting a plateau that could leave out most of the potential market. Of about 200 million American adults, only about 30 million are five-times-a-week exercisers, and about two-thirds of them already are health club members, said Phil



EVERY BODY: This photo for an ACAC Fitness & Wellness Centers ad reflects a trend among health clubs to use more inclusive marketing campaigns.

Wendel, owner of Atlantic Health Clubs, a small chain headquartered in Charlottesville, Va.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says only 31 percent of adults engage in regular leisure-time physical activity. And the indus-

try polling firm American Sports Data reports that 63 percent know exercise is good for their health but do not exercise because they don't think they're capable of it.

Meanwhile, getting fat is making striking gains. Obesity, the

CDC says, has increased from 19 percent of adults in 1997 to 24 percent in 2002.

"The greatest concern many people have who are not regular exercisers at all is they are too intimidated to get started," said Rick Caro, president of Management Vision Inc., a New York-based industry consulting group. "They don't understand there may be many people who look like them or, excuse the expression, worse."

Indeed, some decidedly unfit people show up to work on self-improvement, especially in January, just not enough of them. So the clubs are doing more outreach.

At the approximately 400 clubs in the Bally chain, the new message will be more inclusive. "We are focusing on all Americans who want to be more fit, and that includes the obese," Pazzani said. IRA DREYFUSS (AP)

Magic Number

The third film's the charm for fantasy and sci-fi trilogies

FILM | When the characters in writer-director Kevin Smith's romantic comedy "Chasing Amy" mention "the holy trilogy," they aren't discussing religion, they're talking about "Star Wars."

Since the release of "Return of the Jedi" in 1983, fans and Hollywood executives alike have looked to the original three "Star Wars" films as the gold standard for how crowd-pleasing movie sequels should be handled. Rather than tell a series of self-contained stories, this trilogy told a single story across three films.

Even lowbrow comedy sequels have attempted to cast themselves as a trilogy, as did this summer's "American Wedding."

It takes more than recurring characters and a serialized story to win fans' hearts. As the creators of this year's "The Matrix Revolutions" and "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" found out, the kind of epic scale filmmaking required to create a "holy trilogy" comes with unique benefits and hazards.

Building off the \$456 million worldwide box-office success of the



KEITH HAMSHIRE/LUCASFILM LTD./AP

VERY LUCRATIVE IT IS: Three-time star Yoda agrees that movie trilogies pay off.

original "Matrix" in 1999, Andy and Larry Wachowski were not bound by pre-existing material, so they decided to make it a trilogy.

Although audience anticipation gave the first sequel, "The Matrix Reloaded," a \$91 million opening weekend, enthusiasm for the film fizzled quickly. Many fans left disappointed, feeling the story did not live up to their expectations. The three films, however, did gross the Wachowskis \$1.1 billion worldwide.

Together with George Lucas's "Star Wars" prequel trilogy (which will conclude in 2005), these three-film series have set off a flurry of trilogy developments. New Line Cinema is working on adaptations for Phillip Pullman's "His Dark Materials" trio of fantasy novels. Paramount is considering a trilogy based on its upcoming retro sci-fi film "The World of Tomorrow." And Sony has agreed to let director Len Wiseman turn "Underworld," his surprise monster-fantasy hit, into a trilogy, with a prequel and a sequel to come.

University of Michigan film and video professor Hubert Cohen says trilogies such as "The Matrix" and "The Lord of the Rings" can benefit from the sheer size of their storytelling — trilogies allow the viewer the time to become immersed in the film's world, something perfectly suited to science-fiction and fantasy.

"There's something about big stories that attracts us," he says. "It makes us feel we're seeing something important." PATRICK DAY

(LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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Hizzoner Honors: Mayor's Arts Awards

The biggest news regarding the Mayor's Arts Awards this year is that the mayor is in town at all to present them. Ahem. So anthony Williams and NBC's Jim Vance host this year's annual handing out of thank-yous to the brightest local artistic lights. The evening's performers include gospel musician Richard Smallwood, Levine School of Music, jazz from Dr. Billy Taylor, Duke Ellington School of the Arts, the CityDance Ensemble and the Spanish Dance Society.

Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage, 2700 F St. NW; 6 p.m., free but reservations are recommended; 202-724-5613. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)



Singer Dorothy (Essie Davis) is over the moon in the London "Jumpers."

Wit & Wisdom

MUSIC | Crackersinger David Lowery once opined that the world needs another folk singer "like I need a hole in my head." He must not have known about Steve Poltz.

Sure, the San Diego singer and songwriter co-wrote Jewel's tune "You Were Meant for Me," but the money Poltz made as a result allows him to indulge his irreverent side, which he does to great effect in "Chinese Vacation" (98 Pounder), his first album since his 1998 debut, "One Left Shoe."

Poltz revels in the absurd, par-

ticularly as it relates to relationships. He sings about a girlfriend's dysfunctional family over country-rock changes on the title track.

On "Give You Up for Lent," he lists his reasons for wanting some space from a domineering partner. The song's a lurching waltz-time tune with lyrics including, "You moved into my condo and started charging me rent," he sings.

Just as absurd is his cover of TLC's "Waterfalls," which sounds good — if a bit out of place — with simple acoustic guitar and drums.

Like Tod Snider, Poltz revels in the absurd. They both use smart-alecky humor as a counterbalance for the startling sensitivity that colors some of their lyrics. In Poltz's case, he laments a break-up on "Stax" with wrenching quotidian details, singing, "You can keep most of the records/Leave me the Motown and the Stax." And "10 Chances" is a gentle acoustic love song centered on numbers: one minute on a calling card, a couple of aspirin, three words and so on.

The theme is as clever and well-executed as the rest of "Chinese Vacation." Here's hoping he won't take another five years to make the next record. ERIC R.

DANTON (THE HARTFORD COURANT)

Stoppard Making Sense: 'Jumpers' at Clark Street

Tom Stoppard's satirical comedy "Jumpers" dazzled the jaded London theater audience earlier this year. The unusual and wickedly funny farce — part whodunit, part love story, all Stoppardian verbal pyrotechnics — comes here with all its parts intact: a weary moral philosopher, a glamorous singer with a fading career, a moon landing, a murder and, of course, a troupe of acrobats. Through Feb. 1.

Clark Street Playhouse, 601 S. Clark St., Arlington; tonight's performance 8 p.m., tickets are pay-what-you-can; 703-418-4808.

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HENRY DILTZ

Steve Poltz may be a folkie, but he's no softie, as "Chinese Vacation" shows.

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Back for Less: Marc Cohn

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"A Best New Artist Grammy? Gee, I'd like to thank Starlite Vocal Band ..."



CHEER UP, YOU'RE WORTH MILLIONS: Inexplicable misanthrope Larry David plays Larry David and Cheryl Hines plays his wife on HBO's "Curb Your Enthusiasm."

Mister Misery

TELEVISION | On the season premiere of "Curb Your Enthusiasm," Larry David gets whacked in the head by a bathroom door, then drooled on by his doctor, tries and fails to make time with a pretty girl by riffing on the problems of bowling and accepts an offer from Mel Brooks, to everyone else's consternation.

"Curb" is back for its fourth season on HBO at 9:30 p.m. Sunday (right after the final-season premiere of "Sex and the City" at 9 p.m.), and this improvised sojourn into David's fevered psyche is just as funny as ever.

The episode begins benignly enough: Comedy writer David (played by comedy writer Larry David) is at dinner with his wife Cheryl (played by Cheryl Hines)

when she reminds him their 10th wedding anniversary is nigh.

What she wants: for them to renew their vows.

What he wants in return: something a little racier.

Sure, his wife agrees — "and good luck."

As always, David is meganeurotic, hypersensitive and pathologically odd. A poster boy of volatile impassiveness, he is somehow capable of juggling stubbornness with anxious indecision.

Comedian Jeff Garlin is back as Jeff, his manager, and Susie Essman remains as Jeff's foul-mouthed wife, Susie. Along with Brooks, who'll return in later episodes as well, Ben Stiller guest stars.

FRAZIER MOORE (AP)

Pop Goes the Bride

ANTICS | Pop star Britney Spears married a childhood friend last weekend in an early-morning ceremony in Las Vegas.

Her record label, Jive Records, said in a statement that the 22-year-old Spears and Jason Allen Alexander "took a joke too far by getting married" and that the pair have filed for an annulment.

George Maloof Jr., owner and operator of the Palms Casino Hotel, said Spears and Alexander got married about 5:30 a.m.

A signed annulment, arranged Saturday afternoon, will be filed when the courts open Monday morning, the source said.



All right, you're not so innocent! We get it, already! Now put some clothes on.

Spears and Alexander journeyed by limousine to the Little White Wedding Chapel on the Strip after a stop at a nightclub. The chapel staff told the couple they couldn't get married without a license, so they were taken to get a license and driven back to the chapel, where they were married. The bride wore a baseball cap and torn jeans.

Maloof denied rumors that Spears was drunk and had to be carried out of the Rain nightclub inside the Palm.

Alexander was back home Sunday, according to his grandfather, Robert Alexander: "He'd been through a lot. We picked him up in New Orleans ... and he didn't have much to say." ADAM GOLDMAN (AP)

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THE KEY TO FOOLISHNESS

How can you appreciate a well-produced reality show? Watch a bad one. **HOUSE OF DREAMS** (9 p.m., A&E) will do.

A cross between "Survivor" and "This Old House," "Dreams" assembled a group of 16 players who will build a home over the course of the series, weekly eliminating one player. The last one standing gets to keep the house.

The elimination sequence involves watching 16 people walk through a door:



ANDREW NIGHTINGALE/CHANNEL 4

Kenyan culture determines Simalo's fate in "The Day I Will Never Forget."

Contestants are given a key to unlock a door but two of the keys don't work. Then the desperate duo addresses the group from a pulpit, pleading for their survival.

Perhaps the weirdest aspect of "Dreams" is the choice of host. George Wendt seems bored and short of breath; also, he's not somebody you want to see in shorts.

PAINFUL PRACTICE

THE DAY I WILL NEVER FORGET (6:30 p.m., Cinemax) This documentary examines the practice of female circumcision in Kenya.

ACT SHALLOW ... PERFECT!

AVERAGE JOE: HAWAII (10 p.m., NBC) "History repeats itself, first as tragedy, second as farce," as Karl Marx said, although he probably wasn't referring to a reality dating show. Having scored a success with the first "Average," NBC tempts fate by returning to the well, despite the lesson of "Joe Millionaire 2."

This "Joe" stars Larissa Meek, a former Miss Missouri and self-described artist, who speaks in beauty pageantese. (She talks about finding her soul-mate and appreciating the vastness of

the ocean, etc.) But once she beholds her new bevy of Prince Charmings, she breaks into a tirade of obscenities.

It takes the gentle artist several minutes, and an on-camera consultation with the unseen producers, to get back into the spirit of the show. Yes, she talks about "acting" with her producer and director.

OR NOT GO, AS THE CASE MAY BE AIRLINE (10 p.m., A&E) The 18-part slice-of-life series follows the employees and customers of an air carrier as they go about their business. KEVIN McDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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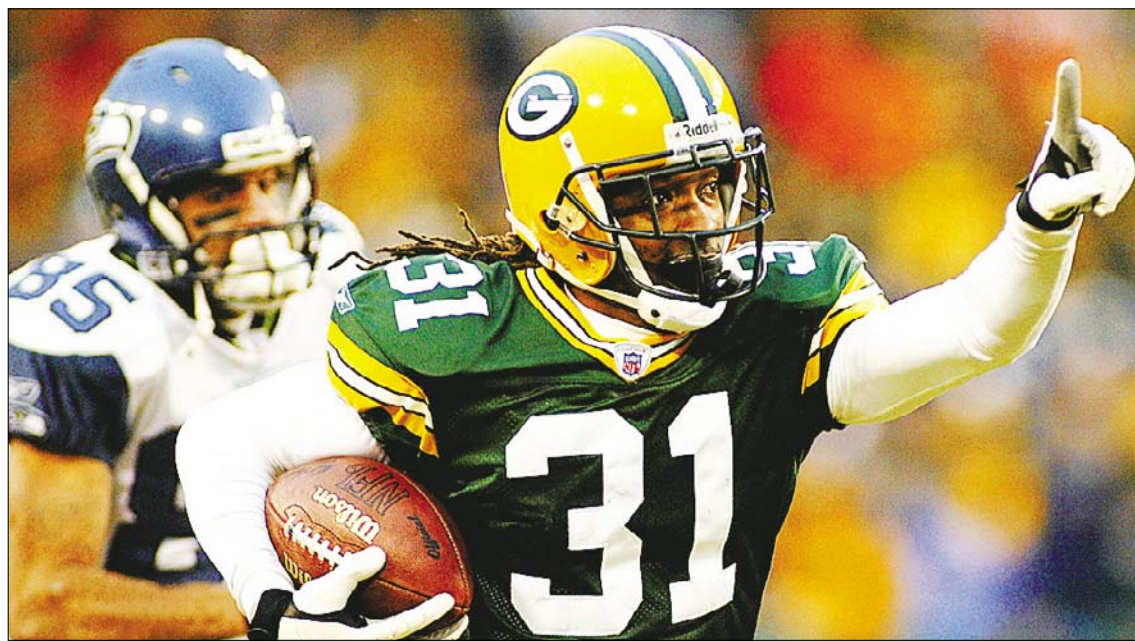
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Sports



PLAYMAKER: Green Bay's Al Harris intercepted a pass and returned it for the game-winning touchdown in overtime on Sunday.

Packers Clip Seahawks

Overtime victory sets up game against Eagles

PRO FOOTBALL | Al Harris never got a chance for a Lambeau Leap. By the time he thought about it, he was buried under an avalanche of teammates.

His long dreadlocks flapping outside his helmet in the frigid wind, Harris streamed down the sideline with a 52-yard interception return in overtime. That touchdown lifted the Green Bay Packers

past the Seattle Seahawks 33-27 Sunday in a first-round NFC playoff game.

Harris's heroics sent the Packers (11-6) to Philadelphia next Sunday for a second-round playoff game.

Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre set a record by throwing for a touchdown in a 14th straight playoff game and rallied the Packers to

NFL SCOREBOARD

Saturday, Jan. 3

→ Carolina 29, Dallas 10

→ Tennessee 20, Baltimore 17

Sunday, Jan. 4

→ Green Bay 33, Seattle 27

→ Indianapolis 41, Denver 10

a 27-20 lead.

Then Matt Hasselbeck, once Favre's backup in Green Bay, guided a 67-yard drive for Seattle to tie the game. BARRY WILNER (AP)

Manning Looks Perfect In Colts' Blowout Win

PRO FOOTBALL | Peyton Manning was finally playoff perfect.

The Denver Broncos were imperfect. And that's being kind.

The result was a 41-10 rout by Indianapolis over Denver on Sunday that put to rest any questions about Manning's ability to win a big game and sent the Colts (13-4) on to Kansas City for a second-round game with the Chiefs next Sunday.

The NFL's co-MVP threw for touchdowns on each of the Colts' first four possessions and finished 22-of-26 for 377 yards and five TDs, the third time in 17 games this season he had five or more TD tosses. That made Manning the first ever to do that.



Peyton Manning threw five touchdowns to lead the Colts to a 41-10 win.

When he left the game in the fourth quarter, Manning had a perfect passer rating of 158.3 for the second time this season.

DAVE GOLDBERG (AP)

Looking ahead: Michael Wilbon and Tony Kornheiser give their views on the NFL playoffs, as well as other news in sports | 1:30 p.m. at washingtonpost.com/sports

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (7 p.m. on ESPN) Texas (7-2), which has only lost to teams ranked in the top 10, visits Providence (8-1).

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (9 p.m. on ESPN) 8-2 Kansas and 6-3 Colorado tip off play in the Big 12 this year.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Midnight on ESPN) Night owls can watch Pepperdine (5-7) try to upset Utah (10-3).

PRO HOCKEY (8 p.m. on ESPN2) St. Louis coach Joel Quenneville goes for his 301st career victory when the Blues host the Minnesota Wild.

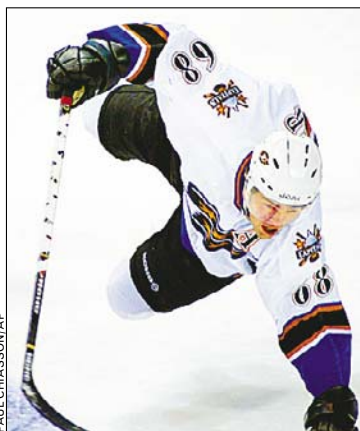
Caps Tripped Up By Canadiens

PRO HOCKEY | Michael Ryder scored twice and assisted on Sheldon Souray's 13th goal of the season, and the Montreal Canadiens beat the Washington Capitals 4-1 Sunday for their first winning streak in more than two months.

Ryder opened the scoring in the first period with a shot inside the left post as he moved to the slot, then beat goalie Maxime Ouellet with an almost identical shot for his ninth of the season.

Montreal hadn't won consecutive games in 12 previous tries since Oct. 20-23.

The Capitals, who lost 5-2 in



Washington's Jaromir Jagr falls to the ice after being hooked in Sunday's loss.

Ottawa the night before, fell to 0-5-1 since a 3-2 win over Montreal on Dec. 23 brought them within one win of the milestone. (AP)

Washington's Losing Ways Continue

Milwaukee hands the Wizards their sixth defeat in seven games

PRO BASKETBALL | Michael Redd scored 18 of his 27 points in the second half Sunday to lead the Milwaukee Bucks to a 100-94 victory over the Washington Wizards.

Kwame Brown scored a career-high 23 points and had 11 rebounds for the Wizards, but 18 of his points came in a 10-minute stretch in the first half. Brown missed a follow-up dunk off a missed shot that would have cut the lead to one in the final 90 seconds.

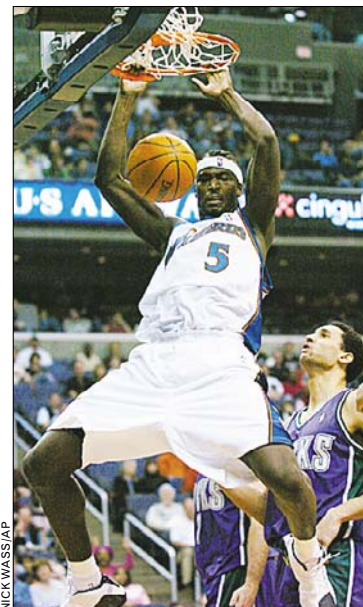
Gilbert Arenas, who didn't start apparently because he was being disciplined by coach Eddie Jordan, scored 18 points for the Wizards, but

was called for a technical for arguing a foul call with one minute to play, costing Washington another vital point.

The Wizards have lost six of their last seven.

Redd scored all the points in a 7-0 run — with a 3-pointer, a drive to the basket and a pair of free throws — to give the Bucks an eight-point lead late in the third quarter. His 3-pointer restored an eight-point lead midway through the fourth, and Brian Skinner's steal and fast-break dunk with two minutes remaining helped keep the Wizards at bay.

Both teams shot better than 60 percent in a fast-moving first quarter, but the game slowed to a crawl with 43 fouls called over the final three quarters. JOSEPH WHITE (AP)



The Wizards' Kwame Brown scored a career-high 23 points on Sunday.



STILL PERFECT: Justin Davis had 17 points and 13 rebounds and led a second-half charge for Stanford's basketball team (11-0), which bested Washington 85-72 on Sunday and remains undefeated. (AP)

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In Brief

PRO FOOTBALL

George Has No Structural Damage in Injured Shoulder

Titans running back Eddie George has no structural damage in his injured left shoulder, and quarterback Steve McNair did no further damage to his strained right calf and a sprained left ankle in a first-round playoff victory over Baltimore. George underwent an MRI exam, and had some soreness and swelling in his shoulder Sunday, a day after dislocating the joint. He played the second half with a harness and finished with 88 yards in the Titans' 20-17 victory. (AP)

PRO BASKETBALL

Iverson Returns to Practice, Expected to Play on Monday

Allen Iverson will return to the Philadelphia 76ers' lineup Monday after missing 10 games with a bruised right knee. The



Iverson

NBA's leading scorer practiced with the Sixers on Sunday for the first time since before the team left on a five-game road trip. Iverson did not accompany the team, staying behind for treatment. The Sixers, 3-7 without Iverson, went 1-4 on their road trip. (AP)

PRO HOCKEY

Sakic Is Day-to-Day After Puck Fractures His Jaw

Colorado Avalanche captain Joe Sakic is considered day-to-day with a fractured jaw, and was listed as probable for Tuesday's game against Columbus, team officials said before Sunday's game against Minnesota. Sakic was hit on the chin by a puck Wednesday in Calgary, and underwent an unspecified medical procedure Saturday, the team said. (AP)

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Sports

BCS Head: 'We Made a Mistake'

Committee could be created to select teams for championship game

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Conceding "we made a mistake," the head of the BCS said an NCAA basketball tournament-style committee might become part of the selection process next season — reducing the possibility of a split national championship in football.

Big East commissioner Mike Tranghese said Sunday several issues will be discussed in the coming months, including eliminating computers from the selection process and adding an extra Bowl Championship Series game.

The BCS came under intense criti-

cism this season when USC, ranked No. 1 by the media and the coaches, was bypassed for Sunday night's Sugar Bowl. Oklahoma and LSU, which finished 1-2 in the BCS rankings, were invited to the Sugar Bowl, with the winner assured of getting the top spot in the coaches' poll.

One method for addressing several proposals is to set up a panel modeled after the one that selects the field for the NCAA basketball tournament. While the BCS poll would remain in effect, the committee could get together at the end of the regular season to determine which teams play for the national championship. PAUL NEWBERRY (AP)

Sugar Bowl: For results of the Sugar Bowl played between LSU and Oklahoma | washingtonpost.com/sports

Ravens Look to Build on 10-6 Season

PRO FOOTBALL | The Baltimore Ravens cleared out their lockers Sunday, disappointed about being bounced from the playoffs yet proud of a season highlighted by the first division title in franchise history.

The Ravens (10-6) rode a stellar defense and running back Jamal Lewis to the AFC North title. But their run ended abruptly Saturday

with a 20-17 loss to Tennessee.

During the offseason, the goal will be to keep the team intact. The Ravens will almost certainly seek to retain cornerback Chris McAlister, offensive tackle Orlando Brown, kicker Matt Stover and quarterback Anthony Wright, all of whom have contracts that expire after this season. (AP)

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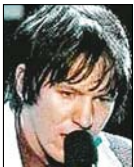
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Singer's Death Ambiguous

Singer-songwriter **ELLIOTT SMITH**'s death from stab wounds in October could have been suicide, as was reported, or murder, according to a coroner's report issued Tuesday in Los Angeles. The examination "revealed he could have done it to himself or somebody could have done it — either scenario is possible," a coroner's spokesman said. (AP)



BABY STUNTS

Not Like Mike

"Crocodile Hunter's" **STEVE IRWIN**, who provoked outrage by feeding a 13-foot crocodile while holding his month-old son, rejected comparisons to Michael Jackson, a Sydney newspaper reported Sunday. "To hear people say that it was a publicity stunt, that I'm just like Michael Jackson well, it just tears me up," he said. (AP)



Pancho and Lefty, not in that order.

ENDORSEMENTS

Singing Kucinich's Praises

"How much is that soldier's life worth/And whatever happened to peace on Earth?" Whether Democratic presidential hopeful Dennis J. Kucinich — the man for whom these words were written — can answer these questions is unknown. Willie Nelson unveiled the protest song "Whatever Happened to Peace on Earth" at a rally for the Ohio congressman Saturday; he was joined by Michelle Shocked, Bonnie Raitt and Michael McDonald. (AP)

HITCHINGS

Adorable Teen Stars to Wed

Cutie-pies **KATIE HOLMES** ("Dawson's Creek," "Pieces of April") and Chris Klein ("Election," "American Pie") are engaged after dating for five years, reported E! Online. Holmes, 25, will next star in the romantic comedy "First Daughter." (EXPRESS)



ROYAL DOG WATCH

A Fate Worse Than Death?

Princess Anne will send her dog to a psychologist to avoid having it euthanized after it attacked a

royal maid and fatally mauled one of Queen Elizabeth II's corgis, the Sunday Telegraph reported. Roger Mugford said he expected to begin work with Florence the bull terri-

er next week. "I am sure it is just a dog who is feeling a bit out of sorts about something, perhaps pain or old age, and is feeling a bit cranky on the day," Mugford said. (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

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Today
Hi 62
Lo 32



Tues.
Hi 42
Lo 18



Wed.
Hi 33
Lo 16



Thurs.
Hi 28
Lo 16



Fri.
Hi 27
Lo 16



UV Index (for solar noon)
1 out of 10, minimal

Air Quality Index (AQI)
AQI Today: Not available

Pollen Index (Yesterday)
Reading: Main offender: Not available

Today, mostly cloudy, colder than recent days, morning rain. High 62. Wind west 10-18 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy, windy, cold. Low 32. Wind northwest 10-20 mph.

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Playback

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

I HAVE A POINT OF CONTENTION with your year-in-review section (Dec. 31). When you mentioned those we lost in 2003, I was dismayed to see the name of Gregory Hines omitted. Mr. Hines almost single-handedly brought the art of tap dancing to the mainstream with his film career and his life was definitely noteworthy enough to mention. Shame on you for not mentioning him — a true loss to an American art form.

—MICHELLE ROBINSON
Temple Hills, Md.

I CAN'T BELIEVE you left John Ritter off of the 2003 "Goodbyes" list (Dec. 31). Barry White, despite his immense popularity, I can almost fathom, but John Ritter — no way. Somebody goofed!

—ANGELA DOW
Washington, D.C.



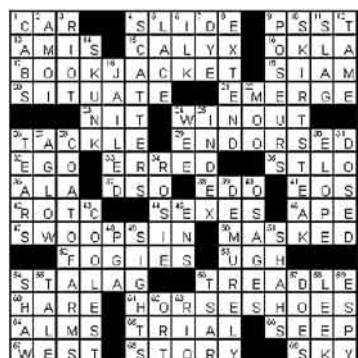
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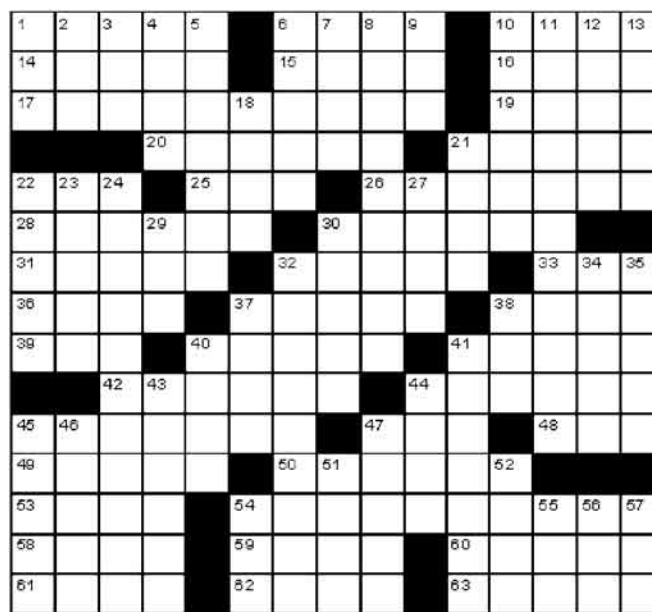
Yesterday's Solution



Crossword Puzzle: Cram It! | Edited by Ed Early

ACROSS

- 1 Islamic deity
- 6 Suburbanite's lot, often
- 10 Clandestine signal
- 14 Tenant's contract
- 15 Playwright Coward
- 16 Greenish-blue
- 17 Burro, for one
- 19 Diving position
- 20 More out of date
- 21 Word with profit or time
- 22 Expressions of understanding
- 25 Skedaddle
- 26 Rests
- 28 Screen beauty Welch
- 30 Diocese division
- 31 Reject with contempt
- 32 North Dakota city
- 33 Corn holder
- 36 Dentist's instruction
- 37 Suspends
- 38 Reach new heights
- 39 "Science Guy" Bill
- 40 Social class
- 41 Fry lightly
- 42 Sister of Eva and Magda
- 44 Skeleton in the closet
- 45 Daughter of Hillary and Bill
- 47 Debussy's "Air de _____"
- 48 It's found in sticks



- 49 Part of a dealer's inventory
- 50 Use plastic
- 53 Scandinavian capital
- 54 Publicist
- 58 "...and make it fast!"
- 59 Camera essential
- 60 Puccini heroine
- 61 Openers
- 62 _____ buco

- 63 Legally prohibit

DOWN

- 1 Swiss echo generator
- 2 Meadow, in verse
- 3 Fond du _____, Wisconsin
- 4 Responds à la "Jeopardy!"
- 5 Conversion target

- 6 Old-womanish
- 7 Johnny-_____lately
- 8 Change furniture around
- 9 Conduit bend
- 10 Compassion
- 11 Place for a racket
- 12 Bolivia's constitutional capital

- 13 Snapshots
- 18 File opener?
- 21 Polish partner
- 22 Welles of filmdom
- 23 Word with landing or medium
- 24 Strategy used by Joe Torre, maybe
- 27 Cupid, in Greece
- 29 Vase
- 30 One of three in 1492
- 32 Routs, in sports
- 34 Like some cereal
- 35 Kansas City slugger George
- 37 Smog consequence
- 38 Animal pouch
- 40 Elliot who was a Mama
- 41 Channel to the ocean
- 43 Single-masted sailers
- 44 Business salutation, sometimes
- 45 Frog sound
- 46 Wiesbaden, Germany is its capital
- 47 Rodeo saddle attachment
- 51 About half of all lobsters
- 52 Subjects of clashes
- 54 Arafat's grp.
- 55 Fast or slow attachment
- 56 Sgt., for one
- 57 Screw thread cutter

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope | Stella Wilder

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You'll reach a milestone — but you don't want to brag about it. Let others take notice when they will; now is no time to seem cocky.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Your appetite for adventure is not likely to be satisfied in the same old ways. You're in the mood for something extraordinary.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — A collective effort can pay off handsomely, but don't try to do something for which you are not suited.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — A current romance may be at stake, as you vacillate between two choices that seem equally attractive. A loved one knows the truth.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Charity and

goodwill are not to be underestimated. Take care that those who are depending on you are not disappointed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — How do you balance emotional response with rational understanding — particularly when so much depends upon you?

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Looking at things too closely may actually blur your vision and make it impossible for you to be objective. Stand back and let things be.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Don't say you're OK if you're really not — especially when someone who matters to you is willing to give you attention and thought.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — This is no time

for you to sit back and let others enjoy the limelight; you know how to capture attention yourself, and this is the day to do it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Though it may seem to some that you are merely going along for the ride, you are in fact contributing much to a massive group effort.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You cannot force creativity — or ever. Don't make the mistake of thinking you can turn it on or off with ease; inspiration is essential.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You don't have to be the hero; let someone else bear the burden of a major new cause. Lend your support — but do so with caution.

Metro Matters

By **RICHARD A. WHITE**, Metro CEO

IF YOU'RE READING THIS column, you're probably a Metro bus or subway customer. And for that, I say, "Thank you." This has been a challenging year for all of us who either manage or ride Metro (or, in my case, both). We've been hit with elevated terror-alert levels, a two-and-a-half-foot snowstorm, Hurricane Isabel, and then more snow that arrived here in November, long before the first official day of winter.

Some days, it feels like the locusts must be next.

If you're reading this column, you're also seeing the start of something new. Today marks the debut of "Metro Matters," a guest column that will appear in Express once a month. We felt the title "Metro Matters" was particularly appropriate, since this column will provide useful information on Metro-related issues and because Metro truly does matter to this region.

But this column isn't about us. It's about you. In the months ahead, we intend to use this space to provide helpful, consumer-oriented information targeted specifically to you — the Metro customer. We may, for instance, use this space to explain our new winter inclement-weather policy. Or discuss how we handled an incident that caused major disruption to our rail system. Or why our buses, trains and escalators seem to be breaking down more frequently than we'd like.

The bottom line: We want to discuss the kinds of issues that you, the Express reader and Metro customer, care about. We want this column to highlight information that you want to see, and that will help make your commute a little easier ... or at least a little easier to understand.

Improved communications with our customers is one of our top priorities for 2004. And that's one New Year's resolution I intend to keep.

If you have a topic you'd like to see covered in this column, please write to rjfeldmann@wmata.com.

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